

REBELS DECEIVED
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Ran Up to Rapid-Fire Guns in Streets of Moscow.

THOUGHT ARMY FRIENDS

City Strewn With Bodies,
But People Are Still
Fighting.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 25.—Dispatches from Moscow today tell of the terrible slaughter in the streets there. The rebels have been shot down by wholesale, but they are still fighting desperately.

The tremendous loss of life was caused by the loyalty of troops, which the revolutionists supposed were in sympathy with their cause. They had been led to believe the soldiers would not fire on them.

Rushed on Guns.
In many instances, when the crowds rushed from their barricades toward the machine guns, expecting capitulation on the part of the troops, the soldiers opened fire on them, mowing down hundreds of helpless men and women.

deadly fire of the rapid-fire guns. No one was spared. In all these charges less than one-half the rioters got back of the barricades to continue the desperate struggle.

This deception by the troops is now believed to have been a deliberate plot

on the part of the officers. Its effectiveness is evidenced by the hundreds of bodies strewn about the streets. The fighting was most severe in Traboussis square and Koretnal street.

Mob Desperate.
Bombs also wrought great havoc. The desperate courage of the mob at the bar-

ricades was marvelous. Here units, there tens, would sally forth, while thousands scampered off, leaving the streets

empty, but soon after would reassemble and fire on the soldiers as fearlessly as before against enormous odds, eager to

accomplish the impossible or die.

Then cannon would once more begin to boom, shaking the most solid houses. From behind any and every cover, the shooting proceeded, the troops being

more exposed than the rebels and immeasurably better armed, but after a time a number of soldiers took to cover. In the evening the hospitals were filled

with wounded, as were also a number of private dwellings. All the doctors of the city were engaged in treating them. Some of the victims were mutilated.

Many died in a few hours.

**ST. PETERSBURG FEARS
REIGN OF TERROR THERE**

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 25.—Moscow's precarious condition has caused the utmost consternation in the Imperial

the utmost consternation in the imperial court. So far no rioting has developed from the strike here, but there is no knowing how soon the reign of terror in the streets will be the rule. The Hoku Shiro

In the ancient capital, where the common people, armed with bombs and revolvers, are fighting pitched battles

volvers, are fighting pitched battles with trained regulars, only a part of the garrison has remained loyal to the Czar—a most portentous circumstance.

Baltic Peasants Maddened.

In the Baltic provinces matters are going from bad to worse. Maddened peasants are perpetrating atrocities on

peasants are perpetrating disorders on a huge scale every day. But the Czar dares not move a single regiment from here to combat the disorders there.

In Poland, the apparent quiet has been produced by simply ceasing to enforce

imperial rule. In St. Petersburg the order for a general strike has not been as successful up to this time as supposed it would be.

That the army is not to be relied on has been known for some time. Acting on the advice of General Trepoff, the "Manifesto," the Czar is carrying out

Trepoff After Witte.

Trepoff is persistently striving to break down Witte's influence with the Czar and to offset or upset the premier's plans. That he is succeeding, in a

A council of the cabinet was being

held, the Czar presiding. The proposed reforms were under discussion and the debate brought out decided differences of opinion and some heat. Suddenly the

Czar interrupted, saying with evident irritation and addressing himself to his prime minister:

"Your policy of conciliation is a fatal blunder and will be responsible ult-

Count Witte, smothering his indignation and mortification, replied:

"I have acted to the best of my ability for the Czar and for Russia. But if a

In a calmer tone, but with a tinge of severity, the Czar observed:
"No! Your responsibility cannot be

Czar Reactionary.

Among the Liberal statesmen the belief is strong that the Czar is only awaiting the word from Trepoff to sweep away all the promised conces-

sions, relying solely on force to restore the autocracy. It is admitted that at one time the Czar really did think that
